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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Olechnowicz et al.	)	Examiner: D. Bochna
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Serial No.: 10/604,700	)	Art Unit: 3679
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Filed: August 11, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 1699
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following proposed amendments and remarks. The proposed amendments are intended to place the application in condition for allowance, by canceling all rejected and withdrawn claims and by amending allowable claims depending directly from rejected base claims to be in independent form. It is believed that no fees are associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172. Please amend the present application as follows: